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| 7<br>8<br>9                | UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT   |   |  |  |  |
| 10                         | NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  |   |  |  |  |
| 11                         | In re  | Case No.: 12-30143 DM (Chapter 7)                     |  |  |  |
| 12                         | CARL ALEXANDER WESCOTT and MONETTE ROSEMARIE STEPHENS,   | AP No. 12-3148  |  |  |  |
| 13<br>14                   | Debtors.   | DECLARATION OF JEAN BARNIER                           |  |  |  |
| 15                         | JANINA M. HOSKINS, Trustee in  | IN SUPPORT OF TRUSTEE'S MOTION FOR DISCOVERY          |  |  |  |
| 16                         | Bankruptcy of the Estate of Carl Alexander Wescott and Monette Rosemarie Stephens,   | SANCTIONS AND ENTRY OF DEFAULT PURSUANT TO FRCP 37(d) |  |  |  |
| 17                         | Plaintiff,   | )<br>)<br>Date: April 26, 2013                        |  |  |  |
| 18                         | v.   | Time: 10:00 a.m. San Francisco Courtroom 22 - Montali |  |  |  |
| 19<br>20                   | CARL ALEXANDER WESCOTT and MONETTE ROSEMARIE STEPHENS,   | )<br>)  |  |  |  |
| 21                         | Defendants.  | )<br>)<br>)   |  |  |  |
| 22                         | I, Jean Barnier, state:  |   |  |  |  |
| 23                         | 1. I am an attorney admitted to the bar of this court and am counsel of record for   |   |  |  |  |
| 24                         | Janina Hoskins, Chapter 7 Trustee of this estate.  |   |  |  |  |
| 25                         | 2. To perform important discovery for the Trustee, I attempted to take the deposition  |   |  |  |  |
| 26                         | of the Debtor Carl Wescott.  |   |  |  |  |
| 27                         | 3. On February 16, 2013, pursuant to Civil Local Rule 30-1, I emailed Howard L.  |   |  |  |  |
| 28<br>Cas                  | Hibbard, Esq., counsel for the Debtor Carl Wescott, to coordinate available dates. My staff  e: 12-03148   |   |  |  |  |

followed up with Mr. Hibbard on February 28, 2013. Correct copies of those emails are attached and labeled Exhibit 1. There was no response. Accordingly on February 28, 2013, my office caused to be served a Notice of Taking Deposition, unilaterally scheduling the deposition for March 22, 2013. A correct copy is attached and labeled Exhibit 2.

- 4. On March 19, 2013, Mr. Hibbard emailed me, apologizing for a lack of client control, informing me that he would be withdrawing and further informing me that it was his understanding that Mr. We scott was out of the country. A correct copy of that email is attached and labeled Exhibit 3.
- 5. As is documented in the Trustee's concurrently filed Motion for Summary Judgment, Mr. Wescott was not in fact out of the country on March 19, 2013. Instead, on that date, he showed up at City Storage in San Francisco in an attempt to frustrate the Trustee's retrieval of the Debtors' financial records.
- 6. Mr. Wescott failed to appear for his deposition on March 22, 2013. A correct copy of the transcript reflecting that fact is attached and labeled Exhibit 4.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct, that I have personal first hand knowledge thereto, and that this declaration is executed on March 29, 2013, at Newport, Rhode Island.

/s/ Jean Barnier Jean Barnier

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#### Jean Barnier

From:

Jean Barnier

Sent:

Saturday, February 16, 2013 4:15 PM

To:

'Howard Hibbard'

Subject:

RE: wescott

Mr. Hibbard,

I would like to schedule the taking of your client's deposition. I am available March 21, 22 or 23. The deposition would be at my offices and begin at 9:30 a.m. Please let me know which date will work and I will notice the deposition.

Of course, if your client executes the stipulation, there will be no need for the taking of his deposition. Thank you for your continuing courtesy in this matter.

#### Jean Barnier

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### **Shanley Mansour**

From:

**Shanley Mansour** 

Sent:

Thursday, February 28, 2013 11:20 AM

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Cc:

Jean Barnier (JBarnier@macbarlaw.com); gbabcock@macbarlaw.com

Subject:

Wescott/12-3148/Deposition

Mr. Hibbard,

I am following up on Ms. Barnier's request to set the date for Mr. Wescott's deposition. Our offices have not heard back from you. Therefore, we will be setting the deposition for Friday, March 22, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. in our offices. Notice will be served.

Shanley Mansour | Paralegal MacConaghy & Barnier, PLC 645 First St. West, Suite D Sonoma, CA 95476 Telephone: (707) 935-3205 <a href="mailto:smansour@macbarlaw.com">smansour@macbarlaw.com</a> www.macbarlaw.com

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| 13  | CARL ALEXANDER WESCOTT AND   | ) (Chapter 7)   |  |  |  |  |
| 14  | MONETTE ROSEMARIE STEPHENS,  | )<br>)<br>AP No. 12-03148                             |  |  |  |  |
| 15  | Debtors.   | )<br>)  |  |  |  |  |
| 16  |  | NOTICE OF TAKING DEPOSITION OF CARL ALEXANDER WESCOTT |  |  |  |  |
| 17  | JANINA M. HOSKINS, TRUSTEE IN  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 18  | BANKRUPTCY OF THE ESTATE OF CARL ALEXANDER WESCOTT and                                 | )<br>)  |  |  |  |  |
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| 22  | CARL ALEXANDER WESCOTT and MONETTE ROSEMARIE STEPHENS,                                 | )<br>)  |  |  |  |  |
| 23  | Defendants.  | )<br>)  |  |  |  |  |
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the provision of Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 9014 and 7030, that Janina M. Hoskins, Chapter 7 Trustee in Bankruptcy of the Estate of Carl Alexander Wescott and Monette Rosemarie Stephens, will take the deposition of the Defendant, Carl Alexander Wescott on March 22, 2013 at 9:30 a.m., at the offices of MacConaghy & Barnier, PLC, 645 First St. West, Suite D, Sonoma, CA 95476.

Said deposition will be continued, on a reasonable basis, to accommodate calendar conflicts of counsel and the Deponent.

Said deposition will be taken before a duly authorized notary public and will continue from day to day, weekends and holidays excepted, until completed.

You are invited to attend and examine the witness.

2 Dated: February 28, 2013

MacCONAGHY & BARNIER, PLC

By Fregory J. Babcock

Attorneys for Plaintiff Janina M. Hoskins,

Trustee in Bankruptcy

#### **DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY MAIL**

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I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within action. My business address is 645 First St. West, Suite D, Sonoma, California 95476.

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Executed at Sonoma, California on February 28, 2013.

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I served true and correct copies of the NOTICE OF TAKING DEPOSITION OF CARL ALEXANDER WESCOTT, by placing said copies in the United States Mail at Sonoma on the date shown below, in a sealed envelope(s) with first-class postage prepaid, addressed to the person(s) below.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Carl Alexander Wescott

Sheila Gropper Nelson

55 Francisco St. 6th Fl.

Howard L. Hibbard

251 Park Rd. #800

Burlingame, CA 94010

San Francisco, CA 94133

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#### Jean Barnier

From:

Howard Hibbard [howard@hlhibbardattorney.com]

Sent:

Tuesday, March 19, 2013 10:09 AM

To: Subject:

Jean Barnier RE: wescott

Mr. Wescott will be out of the country on the 22nd. I am preparing substitution of attorney to place him in Pro-Per as he is not listening or following my advice. I do apologize for any inconvenience, but I was led to believe he would perform as we had agreed.

#### Howard L. Hibbard, Esq.

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From: Jean Barnier [mailto:JBarnier@macbarlaw.com]

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2013 11:32 AM

**To:** Howard Hibbard **Subject:** wescott

Mr. Hibbard,

I have not heard back from you regarding Mr. Wescott's appearance at the deposition set for Friday, March 22. Is Mr. Wescott planning on appearing? Ms. Stephens testified that he is residing in Honduras. Also, can you please tell me when the stipulation regarding Mr. Wescott's discharge will be signed?

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Jean Barnier

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### 12-30143 DM CHAPTER 7

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Job Date: 03/22/2013

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Janina M. Hoskins vs. Carl Alexander Wescott Job Date: 3/22/2013 Page 3 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT Pursuant to Notice of Deposition and on 1 1. NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 2 2 Friday, March 22, 2013, commencing at the hour of 3 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION 9:34 a.m. at the Law Offices of MacConaghy & Barnier, PLC, In re Case No.: 12-30143 DM 4 645 First Street West, Suite D, Sonoma, California, 95476, 5 (Chapter 7) before me, ANGELA POURTABIB, a Certified Shorthand 6 Reporter and Deposition Officer of the State of Debtors, 7 California, was to personally appear 8 CARL ALEXANDER WESCOTT, 9 called as a witness by the Plaintiff, who was to have been 10 duly sworn by me, and thereupon examined and testified as 11 11 hereinafter set forth. Plaintiff. 12 12 13 13 14 14 JEAN BARNIER, Attorney at Law, MACCONAGHY & Defendants. 15 15 BARNIER, PLC, 645 First Street West, Suite D, Sonoma, 16 California 95476, (707) 935-3205, appeared as counsel on 17 17 behalf of Plaintiff, Janina M. Hoskins. STATEMENT ON THE RECORD IN LIEU OF 18 DEPOSITION OF 18 19 19 SHEILA GROPPER-NELSON, Attorney at Law, SHEILA CARL ALEXANDER WESCOTT 20 GROPPER-NELSON, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, 55 Francisco Street, 20 21 Friday, March 22, 2013 Suite 600, San Francisco, California 94133, (415) 21 22 NOTICING ATTORNEY: JEAN BARNIER 362-2221, appeared telephonically as counsel on behalf 23 POURTABIB, CSR NO. 13714 ORTERS 23 of Defendant, Monette Stephens. 24 24 -oOo-25 25 Page 2 Page 4 INDEX 1 STATEMENT BY MS. BARNIER 1 2 2 MS. BARNIER: Jean Barnier appearing for the STATEMENT BY MS. BARNIER 3 3 trustee 4 4 MS. NELSON: Good morning. Sheila 5 Gropper-Nelson appearing for Monette Stephens. 5 6 6 MS. BARNIER: Okay, Sheila. I'm gonna put you 7 7 back on hold then while we wait. EXHIBITS MS. NELSON: That's fine. 8 8 9 (No exhibits were marked for identification.) 9 (Recess taken from 9:34 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.) MS. BARNIER: So we have been -- we convened at 10 10 11 11 9:34: is that correct? THE COURT REPORTER: Yes. 12 12 13 13 MS. BARNIER: And it is now 9:45; is that 14 14 correct? 15 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes. 15 MS. BARNIER: Mr. Wescott has not appeared. 16 16 His attorney did advise me that Mr. Wescott was out of 17 the country; however, he did not ask for any other 18 19 dates, and the deposition was duly noticed and served. 20 20 So at this time, I am going to stop the deposition and take whatever actions the trustee deems 21 21 22 fit. 22 23 Ms. Gropper-Nelson, do you want to add anything 23 24 24 else?

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MS. NELSON: No, I believe that is the best

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| 4   | MS. BARNIER: What she said was, "I believe              |        |   |                     |
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| .6  | Did I say, that correctly?                              |        |   |                     |
| 7   | MS. NELSON: Yes, you did.                               |        |   |                     |
| 8   | MS. BARNIER: All right. Thank you so much.              |        |   |                     |
| 9   | MS. NELSON: Thank you.                                  |        |   | •                   |
| 10  | (Whereupon, at 9:46 a.m., the proceedings               |        |   |                     |
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